Policy Tips

ALL PROGRAMS

The DHS-1171, Assistance Application, is now being printed with black ink. There are **no** changes to the content of the application.

For further clarification of today's topic, see BEM 100, Introduction – Policy.

Unlicensed Vehicles Driven By Tribal Members - FAP

The Secretary of State (SOS) clearance is the **only** acceptable verification source for unlicensed vehicles driven by tribal members on Native American reservations. Therefore, because local offices have the ability to secure SOS clearances and can obtain information on the vehicles, the local office cannot require a client to provide this information.

Policy items related to today's topic: see BEM 400, Assets.

For further clarification of today's topic, see BEM 100, Introduction – Policy.

Social Security Number – FAP

Clients are excused from providing and obtaining a Social Security number based on their religious beliefs. If a Social Security number already exists, it may be used.

Policy items related to today's topic: see BEM 223, Social Security Numbers.

For further clarification of today's topic, see BEM 100, Introduction – Policy Interpretations.

CDC Eligibility Effective Date for Foster Care

For children in foster care, child care may be authorized up to 21 days prior to the CDC application receipt date if there is a valid CDC need prior to the application filing date.

Policy items related to today's topic: see BAM 115, Application Processing.

For further clarification of today's topic, see BEM 100, Introduction – Policy Interpretations.

Budgeting Refugee Resettlement Income

A new interim business process entitled Budgeting Refugee Resettlement Income in Bridges, is now available on the DHS home page, Enhanced Site Support, and Known Issues.

Policy items related to today's topic: see BEM 503, Unearned Income, All Programs.

For further clarification of today's topic, see BEM 100, Introduction – Policy Interpretations.

Data Exchanges

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Wage Match and New Hires Tip

When a case is closed for the wage match or new hires verification not returned, the case must remain closed for 30 days unless verification is returned earlier.

Policy Items related to today's topic:

BAM 802 Wage Match and UCB

BAM 807 New Hires

For further clarification of today's topic, see BEM 100, Introduction – Policy Interpretations.

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New Mailboxes

Two new mailboxes have been added for questions; these boxes should be used by county- authorized staff only.

1. Policy-Recoupment-Data-Matches-Supplements

2. DHS-FAP-Trusts_Annuities

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Social Security Numbers

The Social Security Administration (SSA) is changing the way Social Security numbers (SSNs) are issued. This change is referred to as "randomization." The SSA is developing this new method to help protect the integrity of the SSN. Randomization will also extend the longevity of the nine-digit SSN nationwide.

SSN randomization will affect the SSN assignment process in the following ways:

- It will eliminate the geographical significance of the first three digits of the SSN, currently referred to as the area number, by no longer allocating the area numbers for assignment to individuals in specific states.
- It will eliminate the significance of the highest group number and, as a result, the High Group List will be frozen in time and can be used for validation of SSNs issued prior to the randomization implementation date.
- Previously unassigned area numbers will be introduced for assignment, excluding area numbers 000, 666 and 900-999.